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1. The central administration of the Foundries and Machine Industries Ministry was located in the building of the former Finance Institute Center (Pénzügyi Központ), Szabadság tér 5/6, Budapest V. On the second floor of this building were the offices of the Minister, Istvan KOSSA, and all of the Deputy Ministers, with the exception of the Deputy Minister for Metallurgical Enterprises, István KOMJÁTHY. I recall that the Machine Industry Division and the Transportation Industry Division (of the production branch) and the Production Division (of the administrative branch) were also located in this building. The ministry's kitchen was located on the seventh floor of the building. From this kitchen, under special security precautions, meals were transported to the Medium Machine Industry next door, which did not have a kitchen of its own 25X1
2. The second building occupied by the Foundries and Machine Industries Ministry adjoined the main building and faced on Teleki Pál utca 21. This six-story building housed the following administrative divisions: the Materials and Goods Distribution Division (Anyag és Áruforgalmi Főosztály), the Main Bookkeeping Department for Enterprises (Vállalati Főkönyvelőség), the Legal Department (Toervénykiegészítő Osztály), the Technical Development Division (Műszaki Fejlesztési Főosztály) and the Work Affairs Division (Munkaügyi Főosztály).
3. The third building of the Ministry, adjoining the above, was located at Arany János utca 25. It had four stories.

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4. The fourth building was located at Guszev (formerly Sas) utca 25, and was interconnected with all the others. The office of KOMJATHY, Deputy Minister for Metallurgical Enterprises, was located in this building. Also the following production branch divisions were located there: the Iron Metallurgy Division (Vaskohasznati Focosztaly), the High Tension Power Division (Eroesaramu Focosztaly), the Communications Industry Division (Hiradastechnikai Focosztaly), and the Machine Tool Industry Division (Mueszeripari Focosztaly). The Guszev utca building also housed the Research Institute (Kutato Intezet) of the Mining and Power Ministry (Banya es Energiamegyi Miniszterium), which contained valuable equipment too difficult to move.
5. Visitors were required to show special passes, issued for a definite period of time, to enter the buildings of the Foundries and Machine Industries Ministry. Visitors also had to show an identification document with photograph. All visitors passed through a reception office where the times of entrance and departure were recorded.
6. Ministry employees were required to show permanent passes, with photograph on one side and date of validity on the other side, to the guard when entering the Ministry buildings. They received a small aluminum disc from the guard, which they had to surrender when leaving the building. Officials could leave the buildings when they pleased, but typists, stenographers and charwomen could not leave during working hours without special permission. Employees had to be careful not let their passes expire. The passes had to be renewed every three to six months. The guards were so aggressive that if an employee's pass had expired, they reported the fact immediately and the employee had to answer for his negligence the same day. The first time an employee was reported for forgetting to have the pass extended he was excused with a warning, but the second time he had to pay a fine.

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